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THE SUPREME COURT, OCTOBER 1957 TERM (or a Radical Looks at the Not Too Recent Law) by Professor Bernard Schwartz of N.Y.U. is the featured article of the January issue of the Michigan Law Review. In a sharply critical article Professor Schwartz assails the tendency of a majority of the justices to follow the propensity of Justice Black to remake our Constitutional law in his own image. Schwartz characterizes the Supreme Court as a tribunal "composed of men who give all too frequent evidence of being unversed in the intricacies of our public law and procedure. Such men will inevitably be deficient even in adequately explaining the bases of their actions. Their opinions will tend to be homilies in political science. Their language will be turgid and verbose; their reasoning prolix and obscure." ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF WATER SUPPLIES BY MUNICIPALITIES by Wilbert L. Zeigler, a Michigan Law School Research Assistant, is the second feature article of the Law Review..... THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT, a student comment by Fred Brace and James Park, is also included in the issue.

THE TENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE ON ADVOCACY WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 20-21 in Rackham. Four lawyers, a Professor of Psychology, a Professor of Speech, and the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court will participate in a program of discussions, demonstrations, and critiques. The program is designed primarily for the practicing lawyer to develop his skill in advocacy both at the trial and appellate level. Professor Charles Joiner is again chairman of the Institute Committee. As this edition went to press, it was not clear whether Melvin Belli would exercise his raincheck.

BILL TELL AND BLAIR BENJAMIN, MICHIGAN'S MOOT COURT TEAM, REACHED THE QUARTERFINALS of the National Moot Court competition only to be defeated by finalist Yale. Of the 94 schools participating in the competition, Michigan was among the top 8, having won the regionals in Detroit and successfully meeting Buffalo and Marquette in New York. In the final round, presided over by Justice Whittaker, the University of Texas defeated Yale University.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO VISITING PROFESSORS TO THE LAW FACULTY WAS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE REGENTS. Frederick H. Lawson, Professor of Comparative Law and Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, will be here for the first semester of 1959-60. Professor Lawson was joint editor of the Journal of Comparative Legislation and International Law from 1949 to 1952 and editor of the International and Comparative Law Quarterly from 1952 to 1955..... Richard R. B. Powell, Dwight Professor of Law at Columbia University School of Law, will serve on the faculty in the spring semester of 1959-60.

FACULTY NEWS: Professor George E. Palmer was granted a sabbatical for the second semester of 1959-60 in order to complete a treatise on "The Law of Mistake" with emphasis upon the restitutionary remedies possible in cases where mistakes have been made.....Professor Paul G. Kauper is on sabbatical leave this semester. He will be a guest professor at the Max Planck Institute of Public and International Law at Heidelberg. While there he will make a study of German constitutional law and the operation of the German constitutional court.

DEAN ZELMAR COWEN OF SIDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL WILL BE A DINNER GUEST OF THE LAWYERS CLUB Friday, February 13. At 4:15 Dean Cowen will discuss comparative aspects of constitutional law and legal education in the lounge of the Lawyers Club.....The lounge will remain open Friday evening until 12:00 p.m. and on Saturday as long as it is being used.....There will be an open house Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:45.

GUIDO CASARI, PRESIDENT OF THE S.B.A., ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHAIRMANSHIP of the Spring Dance is open. Anyone interested in this position can contact Casari or Mort Zedd at the Lawyers Club.

DEAN STASQN AND PROFESSOR PLANT HAVE NAMED 41 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI to a committee planning the centennial observance of the Law School October 22-24, 1959. Among those named to the committee were Secretary of the Army Brucker, Senator Philip A. Hart, George M. Humphrey, Governor Williams, Michigan Chief Justice John Dethmers, and Edgar Eisenhower, the President's brother.....Speakers scheduled for the observance include Dean Griswold of Harvard, Dean Levi of the University of Chicago, Sir Hartley William Shawcross of London and Justice Harlan of the U.S. Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET: An auto negligence case is expected to take the remainder of this week. Auto negligence cases are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday next week will be devoted to general criminal matters.

EXTRA CONCERT SERIES: Renata Tebaldi, soprano will give a concert Tuesday, February 10 in Hill Auditorium at 8:30.....The Chamber Music Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 13-15 at Rackham Auditorium. These three concerts given by the Societa Correlli will be given at 8:30 with the exception of the Sunday concert which will be at 2:30.

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Now showing.....I WANT TO LIVE
Starting Feb. 6..... ANNA LUCASTA
STATE.....Dial 2-3136
Now showing.....THE PERFECT FURLOUGH
Starting Feb. 8..... UP PERISCOPE

CAMPUS.....Dial 8-6416
Now showing.....THE SEVENTH SEAL
Starting Feb. 4... THE MOON IS BLUE
& MAN WITH GOLDEN ARM
Starting Feb. 8... AUNTIE MAME
ARCHITECTURE (Cinema Guild)
Thurs. & Fri.....THE CATERED
AFFAIR
Sat. & Sun.....DIABOLIQUE

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